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SUBJECT: UNSC DEBATE ON ME

1. LOCAL PRESS JANUARY 17 CONTINUES LOW-KEY, NON-COMMITTAL APPROACH TO ONGOING UNSC ME DEBATE. GUMHURIYYA GOES TO EXTENT OF STRESSING ONLY SINO-SOVIET CLASH DURING DEBATE (WHICH SUBJECT OF HEADLINES AND VIRTUALLY ENTIRE ARTICLE) AND CONCLUDES WANLY THAT BOTH PLO REP QADDUMI AND ISRAELI PERMREP HERTZOG MET SEPERATELY WITH SEC GEN WALDHEIM.

2. SLIGHTLY MORE INFORMATIVE AKHBAR AL-YOM ARTICLE BY MUSA SABRI DOES GIVE HINT OF GOE PESSIMISM CONCERNING ANY MEANINGFUL RESOLUTION EMERGING UNSCATHED BY US VETO AND NOTES, WITHOUT PROVIDING ANY DETAILS, THAT SYRIAN PERMREP HAD BEEN OFF COURTING NON-ALIGNED NATIONS, BUT HAD FAILED IN ATTEMPT TO WORK ONLY FOR SYRIA (AS OPPOSED TO WITH ARAB DRAFTING GROUP). ACCORDING TO SABRI, ARAB AMBASSADORS AT UN WORKING FOR STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES WHICH ALL ARAB STATES AND PLO CAN AGREE ON, RATHER THAN MORE PRE-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CISE STATEMENT WHICH WOULD CAUSE DIVISIONS, SUCH AS SPECIFIC

SUGGESTIONS ON RESES 242 AND 338. SABRI ALSO REPORTS CONSTANT EFFORTS BY ARAB DELEGATIONS TO PRESSURE US NOT TO USE VETO AND ARAB CONCERN TO OBTAIN MODERATE RESOLUTION REFERRING TO QUOTE RIGHTS UNQUOTE OF PALESTINAINS, AND NOT TO QUOTE INTERESTS UNQUOTE.

3. AHAM ARTICLE BY LEVON KISHISHIAN NOTES THAT ARAB DRAFT RESOLUTION UNLIKELY TO BE PRESENTED BEFORE EARLY IN COMING WEEK. KISHISHIAN GIVES NO HINT CONCERNING ATMOSPHERICS OF DEBATE OR INTER-ARAB RIVALRIES, MERELY PROVIDING RESUME OF SPEECHES BY YUGOSLAV AND KUWAITI PERMREPS (FACT THAT KUWAITI CALLED FOR ABOLITION OF RES 242 NOT COMMENTED UPON) AND SINO-SOVIET CLASH.

4. COMMENT: UNSC DEBATE, WHICH AS IN PAST FEW DAYS, RECEIVES NO EDITORIAL COMMENT IN CAIRO DAILIES, BECOMING BIT OF NON-EVENT IN EGYPTIAN PRESS. KUWAITI PERMREPS COMMENTS IN AHAM DENOUNCING RES 242 ONE OF FIRST PRESS INDICATIONS OF VAST DIFFERENCES IN ARAB APPROACHES AND AKHBAR AL-YOM MENTION OF US VETO FIRST SERIOUS INDICATION IN LOCAL PRESS THAT SUCH AN OUTCOME POSSIBLE FOR UNSC DEBATE.
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